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1. (Amended) A chimeric protein comprising:
- a fusion of at least two functional protein units, wherein each functional protein unit comprises the dimerization domain of a member of the steroid/thyroid hormone nuclear receptor superfamily, and
- an optional linker interposed therebetween,
- wherein the at least two protein units form a functional entity, such that said chimeric protein is capable of at least one function selected from the group consisting of DNA binding, ligand binding, transactivation and dimerization.

Please cancel claims 23-60 without prejudice.